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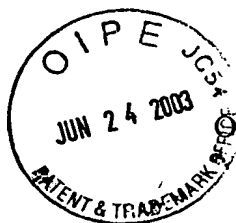
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The Office Action dated March 19, 2003 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

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Transmitted with this document is a Postcard; an Amendment; a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132; a copy of 3M technical data brochure entitled "VHB™ Double Coated Acrylic Foam Tapes and Adhesive Transfer Tapes," and a copy of 3M Industrial Adhesives and Tapes Case Study entitled "Unique Leak-Proof Beverage Conduit With Easy Assembly and Smooth Pull-Through for Fluid Lines" in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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☒ Applicant(s), and the Assignee (if applicable), hereby assert a claim to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 et. seq.

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